Formulation of National Rehabilitation Policy

†3206. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate a National Rehabilitation Policy keeping in view the indiscriminate increase in the number of the residential units in the cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Housing activity in the country is governed by National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998, which has already been laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

Eviction of Slum Dwellers

†3207. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBE : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of slum dwellers are made homeless every year in various cities;

(b) if so, whether a prior notice is served on the slum dweller before evicting them forcefully;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) to (c) As per the Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1956, where the competent authority is satisfied that any building within a slum area is unfit for human habitation and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, it shall serve upon the owner of the building, and upon any other person having an interest in the building whether as lessee mortgagee or otherwise, a notice to show cause, within such time as may be specified in the notice as to why an order of demolition of the building should not be made.

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